

J. MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

The scope of capital projects implemented during the 2008-09 academic year positioned Salem Community College for future growth.

These projects were a result of the use of \$5.4 million in Chapter 12 funding and a unique partnership with the Salem County Utilities Authority (SCUA).

The renovations of classrooms in Davidow Hall were completed along with the replacement of the HVAC system. In the fall 2008 semester microturbines were installed as part of the new Davidow Hall HVAC system. This qualified Salem Community College for a Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Clean Energy and Smart Start Buildings rebate.

A \$1 million project for the roof replacement of Davidow Hall was also completed in the fall 2008 semester.

New renovated science laboratories were opened for the fall 2008 semester. This \$1.8 million project will result in the expansion of science and allied health programs.

Through a partnership with SCUA, the construction of a 14,000 square-foot Glass Education Center valued in excess of \$2 million was completed. The facility opened for classes in January 2009. A special dedication involving all partners was held on March 27, 2009 at which time the building was named the Samuel A. Jones Glass Education Center in honor of a longtime college Foundation member who donated \$500,000 to outfit the building for classes.

The SCUA has leased the building for \$1 per year for 50 years to SCC and will provide methane gas from the landfill to power much of the specialized glass equipment.

Both the Scientific Glass Technology and Glass Art programs are located in the new Glass Center as well as the new associate degree in Glass Industrial Design.